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In re Application of: )  
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Serial No.: New U.S. Patent Application ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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Filed: October 20, 2000 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: APPLICATOR DEVICE FOR )  
APPLYING A LIQUID PRODUCT )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicant submits the following remarks:

1. **DE 36 25 418** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

2. **EP 0 872 193** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

3. **WO 98/39991** - An English language abstract of this foreign language document can be found on the title page of this document.

Applicant has enclosed a copy of the priority application's French Search Report for the Examiner's consideration.

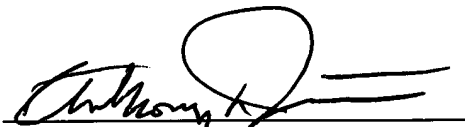
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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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